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Biocompatible Compounds for Sustained Release Pharmaceutical Drug Delivery Systems This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified

application.

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1.	Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114			
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		i.	\boxtimes	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on September 23, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
		ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
		iii.		Other
	b. Enclosed			
		i.		Amendment/Reply
		ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
		iii.		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
		iv.		Other
2.	☑ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently			
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